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## MH council says no to Bob Lake boat launch

by SUE TIFFIN  
Editor

In what Mayor Brent Devolin said was the second recorded vote he has asked for in seven years, Minden Hills council voted against moving forward with a public boat launch on Bob Lake, with the exception of Councillor Pam Sayne.

After council received a preliminary design of a proposed boat launch, the financial estimates of more than \$200,000 for the proposed project to be installed at Claude Brown Road, and staff's recommendation against the project at a council meeting held virtually March 10, Sayne said she thought "there needed to be one more conversation," with the Bob Lake Association members that had requested the boat launch.

"It has been very frustrating, and none of us like to see where this boat launch has been going at this point," said Sayne. "We dropped the ball in the beginning. We at least owe one more dialogue regarding the finances to see what will come forward in this situation and have a report at the next meeting. That's my position on this."

The boat launch originally at Bob Lake near Deep Bay Road had been mistakenly advertised by Minden Hills township as a

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### Stronger together

Minden residents Katie Barry and husband Devin work out together on Friday, March 12 in the newly opened fitness room at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The pair, who were looking to improve their fitness together, purchased a three month membership and were happy with the facility. For more information see [www.mindhills.ca](http://www.mindhills.ca). /DARREN LUM Staff

## Artists, public rally around Agnes Jamieson Gallery

by JERELYN CRADEN  
Special to the Times

On Saturday, March 12, more than 30 people representing the wide range of arts and culture in the Highlands, including Fleming College, Haliburton School of Art and

Design students and faculty, Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, and members of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative gathered to show support for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The group had planned to show up for the official opening and talk by exhibiting landscape artist, Alex Jack. Instead, they were

greeted by a piece of paper tacked to the gallery's front door that read: "Artist Talk with Alex Jack scheduled for March 12 has been cancelled."

The cancellation, which they said wasn't widely-publicized, comes on the heels of the sudden and unexplained departure of gallery

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Agnes Jamieson Gallery supporters gathered in the Minden gallery space on March 12, the day artist Alex Jack was to hold a talk at his exhibition. The talk was cancelled after the sudden departure of the gallery's curator, Laurie Carmount. Those gathered held a discussion about their concerns regarding the future of the gallery. /Photo by Jerelyn Craden

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# Group gathers for gallery rally

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curator Laurie Carmount last month. Minden Hills community services director Craig Belfry confirmed to the *Times* at that time that Carmount is no longer employed with the township but would not further comment on whether Carmount left voluntarily or if she was fired.

At that time, Belfry told the *Times*, “the municipality will now begin the process to recruit staff, and we are looking forward to an excellent summer season. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is a valued integral part of the community, and we are confident in the future of the centre, and all of its potential.”

A group discussion at the gallery on Saturday about the situation was led by Tammy Rea, arts and culture contributor in the Highlands and former member of the Cultural Centre advisory board.

“There is concern among the community that with the abrupt leaving of Laurie Carmount, the gallery might be in harm’s way,” she said.

According to Rea, for many years Carmount’s work and commitment to honouring the vision of founder, Agnes Jamieson, raised the AJG’s status to that of recommender gallery with access to notable travelling art exhibits. With no curator in place and no plans announced yet by the township for the future, those who were present shared their concerns.

“Each year, a certain amount of funding is allocated to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery,” said Jim Blake, president of the community co-operative. “Artists can come and apply for funding to help with the cost of putting shows together – framing, transportation, and marketing. You have to be at a certain status to be able to work with the Ontario Arts Council and be a recommender gallery. The problem now is,

suddenly Laurie Carmount is gone.”

Barrie Martin, owner and experience broker of Yours Outdoors spoke to the importance of the gallery from the lens of tourism. “The AJG is a major attraction for Minden,” he said. “I’ve used it a number of times as a stop for some of my tours. There’s one bus tour that brings rainy day trips up from Toronto.”

Martin said the last tour in Minden included a catered lunch for a group of 24 at Molly’s Bistro Bakery, which is located next to the gallery.

“They’ve been wanting to do it again,” said Martin. “They contacted Molly’s and filled a busload of 50 people and had made arrangements for Molly to cater again. The co-ordinator ... reached out to the cultural centre and, of course, it wasn’t available. So, Molly’s loses out on a group of 50 people for lunch and the cultural centre loses as well, because Laurie Carmount is gone.”

At the heart of the AJG are the artists and their work. Rose Pearson, local artist and teacher, was scheduled to exhibit her new work on April 5, following the Alex Jack exhibition. When she heard that Carmount was no longer with the gallery and given no explanation why, she panicked. She said she was told her show scheduled for April would not take place.

Pearson said she was not only concerned about her own exhibit, but all of the artists who were scheduled to present at the AJG in 2022. Her admiration for Carmount as curator as well as the opportunity of the gallery for artists, including local students, was palpable.

The group also shared concerns about the gallery’s Andre Lapin  collection, which is the largest in Canada, the status of the AJG as a recommender gallery, upcoming shows, hiring of the next curator, and the overall vision and commitment to the cultural centre.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	2	0	416	413	9	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	55	2	3,637	3,521	98	61	13
Northumberland	38	0	3,271	3,204	81	29	0
Pending Information	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Total	95	2	7,327	7,141	188	91	13

## Case counts drop, reporting of deaths changes

One new confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported in Haliburton County in the health unit's March 14 report, bringing active cases in the county to two. Also on Monday, in City of Kawartha Lakes, 14 new confirmed cases were reported, while in Northumberland County, 25 new cases were reported. The health unit notes that due to provincial restrictions of PCR testing, the number of reported cases of COVID-19 is an underestimate. Effective March 11, in alignment with changes to provincial reporting, four deaths previously reported have been removed from the total number of deaths as these have been identified as unrelated to COVID-19. /Screenshot from HKPRD health unit



# Tory Hill EMS base moving toward permanent 24-hour staffing

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 9 committee of the whole meeting and recommended to be approved by county council.*

Tory Hill EMS base could soon see 24-hour staffing, seven days a week, permanently, as recommended by Tim Waite, director of paramedic services.

While traditionally staffing at the base has been two paramedics working 12 hours per day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 365 days per year, staffing hours have incrementally been increased.

“Over the last four years we’ve been adding additional shifts to maintain 24-hour coverage,” said Waite.

Since fall 2020, 24-hour coverage, seven days a week has been maintained year-round in Tory Hill, through the use of Safe Restart funding. Currently it’s been used to maintain 24-hour staffing from Jan. 1 until the May long weekend.

“Included in this year’s budget is an additional \$110,400 to maintain 24-hour staffing in Tory Hill from Thanksgiving weekend until year end,” read Waite’s report to council. “In 2023, an additional \$200,500 will be required to be included in the budget to maintain 24-hour staffing from Jan. 1, 2023 to the May long weekend. The additional \$200,500 for 2023 will be offset by approximately \$55,000 from 50 per cent funding from the province in 2023 due to the additional \$110,400 increase for 2022. This will then have Tory Hill staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, permanently.”

## Dark Lake and York River Bridge projects

Two bridges in need of rehabilitation are to be added to the 2022 budget with an estimated construction cost of \$1,445,056, including HST.

McPherson-Andrews Contracting Ltd. is recommended by county staff to be awarded both projects. The Dark Lake Bridge rehabilitation includes concrete repairs, waterproof and paving, replacement of a barrier wall, expansion joints and guide rail. The York River Bridge rehabilitation includes a concrete deck overlay, concrete repairs, replacement of barrier wall, expansion joints and guide rail. While in progress, both projects will allow for one lane of traffic to be maintained.

Dark Lake Bridge on County Road 648 will be repaired at an estimated cost of \$711,560 and the York River Bridge on County Road 10 will undergo work at a cost of \$733,495. Inspection and contract administration fees for DM Wills – the county’s design consultant for this project – will cost an additional \$45,853 for the Dark Lake Bridge project, and \$43,544 for the York River Bridge project. Both projects are expected to cost less than what was budgeted, the Dark Lake Bridge

project being approximately 20 per cent under the approved 2022 budget costs, and the York River project coming in at 10 per cent under the approved budget.

## Drag River Bridge rehabilitation

A contract for the rehabilitation of Drag River Bridge is recommended to be awarded to UrbanLink Civil Ltd. at a cost of \$1,613,881 including HST. Seven bids were received for the project, ranging in price from about \$1.6 million to \$2.3 million.

The Drag River Bridge, on County Road 1, is a high-priority project identified in the 2020 biennial structure inspection report and recommended to be rehabilitated this year.

The rehabilitation includes a concrete deck overlay, concrete repairs, waterproof and paving, replacement of a barrier wall, expansion joints and guide rail. During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane using temporary traffic signals.

“We did revise our scope from last November when budget came through, so we were able to remove some items,” said Robert Sutton, director of public works. “It’s less under budget than it appears because we did reduce the scope.”

The inspection and contract administration fees for Planmac are estimated to cost \$51,042, bringing the project to \$1,664,923, approximately 33 per cent under the 2022 approved budget.

Sutton said the project would take “the whole season,” being Haliburton County’s longest bridge at roughly 50 metres long, which makes it as long as the Dark Lake and York River bridges put together.

## Visitor experience and destination training

Tracie Bertrand, manager of tourism and Scott Ovell, director of economic development and tourism, recommended that staff develop and deliver visitor experience and destination training to staff at Haliburton County’s visitor information centres.

As the pandemic has caused more domestic travellers to explore the province, the report from the tourism department says “there is a tremendous opportunity for Haliburton County to assist the visitor, make excellent first impressions, and encourage exploration into parts of the region not known to others – but considered unique by residents, to promote local businesses, accommodations and adventures in order to increase spending, length of stay and overnight stays.”

Five visitor information centres or equivalent are listed in the report: the trails office in Algonquin Highlands, the Haliburton Welcome Centre in Dysart et al, Wilberforce in Highlands East, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre common room and the County of Haliburton office located in Minden.

“The report goes over the importance that we feel customer service and exceptional visitor experience will make to sup-

porting the destination management plan and moving things forward through the tourism lens,” Bertrand told council.

The visitor and destination training program would cover topics such as why visitor services are important, how to make a great first impression, how to best promote products and services in the community and tips and tricks on how to anticipate visitor needs.

Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts said she’d participated in the past in a First Impressions exchange program through what is typically referred to as OMAFRA, or the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

“Those first impressions, that person, when you walk into a visitor centre, if they’re sitting and texting on their phone, or not paying attention to you or just couldn’t be bothered ... it’ll put somebody right off, ‘oh, I went to Haliburton once, it was awful,’” said Roberts. “I really am excited about this.”

Roberts said there had been training a few years back related to the Disney model.

“It’s just so, so important,” said Roberts. “I’m just really excited to see this. I only wish it could extend to not just municipal staff, visitor centres, but perhaps local grocery stores, coffee shops.”

Bertrand said that was the goal, noting the tourism department wanted to start with the welcome and visitor centres but ultimately wanted to be able to provide training to anyone who encountered visitors in the region.

Warden Liz Danielsen and Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt acknowledged the attempt to offer similar training and programs throughout the years, with Moffatt noting current information had been provided over the years, but “we have room to do better there.” Moffatt said there was much information available on what had worked and what hadn’t worked over the years.

She asked about adding the Dorset museum and identifying other places that might be touch points such as the Stanhope Airport.

“I think one of the challenges is to get local businesses to be open to the idea that there is room for improvement and to see the value of customer service,” said Danielsen. “I think they think they’re probably doing a fine job when in fact they’re not, or not all of them anyway. Some of them are doing a great job.”

The proposal is part of a destination management plan focusing on tourism development. Ovell also presented an economic development and tourism department work plan that he said was a “living document.” Since November 2021, stakeholder relationship building has been ongoing with the tourism team, who have met with over 50 businesses and organizations. According to that plan, visitor experience training is expected to begin in April and be completed by May.

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March 31 – Regular Council Meeting  
April 14 – Regular Council Meeting

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The Township of Minden Hills is seeking qualified bids to replace the Sedgwick Road Bridge in Minden Hills. Respondents are required to conduct a site visit to familiarize themselves with the work. A non-mandatory site meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 10:00 AM at Sedgwick Bridge on Sedgwick Road in Gelert, Ontario. Deadline for submissions is March 28, 2022 by 12:00 noon. Visit [www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/) for tender document and supporting material.



# Storm push back on arena rental fee increase

by SUE TIFFIN  
Editor

A request from the Highland Storm tournament director to reduce an increase in the cost of the rental of the facility sparked much discussion at Minden Hills council on March 10.

In the past, Craig Smith wrote the team paid \$100 per day for the rental of the upstairs room during hockey tournaments, and said he believed a contract with that rate, and a possible four per cent annual increase, had been signed by the team's past president. The 2022/2023 rate has increased to \$257.50, according to Craig Belfry, community services director, or \$360.50 for the upper warm viewing area, too.

Smith said the Storm association hosts up to 10 weekend tournaments a year and tries to book half in Minden, and half in Haliburton. Dysart et al's auditorium rental during hockey or figure skating tournaments when four hours of ice have been rented costs a maximum of \$103.

Smith said the team is soon booking next year's tournaments and wrote "obviously we will have to move more of them to Haliburton" as the Minden upstairs rental rate was unaffordable.

"That is more than most teams pay to enter our tournament," he wrote.

Smith said Storm tournaments bring eight teams to the area for the full weekend, with each team bringing an average of 15 players per team as well as bench staff, an equivalent of about 120 new families each weekend or 1,300 new families over the winter months.

Smith said many of those teams stay in local resorts and hotels, using restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores and area services.

"So many opportunities to support our lo-

cal economy," he wrote.

Belfry told council he agrees minor hockey offers an economic benefit to the county. He said though he had reached out to schedule a meeting about the situation, Storm representatives hadn't responded to him yet. Belfry does not have a copy of the signed contract, but a fees and charges bylaw of 2021 sourced by Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell during the meeting states the \$100 per day rate.

Schell said there was a big gap between the Dysart fees and Minden Hills fees.

"Granted that we maybe have a newer facility," she said. "I just know that [at county council], we've tried very hard to have things be as equal as possible – especially when you have kids who live in Minden and kids who live in Haliburton, well, all over the county convening in these different arenas. And yet the parents are expected to pay a different price at one over the other."

Schell said she was concerned the Storm would take all of their tournaments to Dysart.

"We've built this beautiful facility to accommodate the public," she said. "I think we need to be a little more level with our neighbouring municipality that has similar infrastructure for Highland Storm. I think the jump is a little bit excessive."

Belfry said Minden Hills had reached out to Dysart about how "our ice rates can move forward together," but also said he had experience in the past of organizations using arenas in two municipalities and had "seen differentials."

"It's up to the organizations to budget for that too, right?," he said. "So moving tournaments over to Haliburton, would only drive all the regular ice here. I'm not so sure there's a huge effect to it but we haven't seen that yet because we're not into a full organization."

Councillor Jean Neville, looking for a compromise, asked if the room could be booked to the Storm if it wasn't in use by another organization, noting it wouldn't require tables and chairs set up as it's usually used for bags and space off the ice for the players.

"It's a shame if the room is sitting there empty," she said.

Schell said as far as she knew, the rate of the room during tournaments had always been \$100. Acknowledging that it might not be a popular thing to say, she noted council had "made lots of concessions for the Huskies team to come to use our facility ... I don't see why we can't just make the concession for the [Storm] as well."

Councillor Pam Sayne said she agreed about making concessions for the Huskies, wanted to support the local team and said different tax increases happen in different municipalities as a result of different services.

"It's really hard to say we're going to charge the same," she said. "I would really like to support our staff because we have a tremendous undertaking here with this overall arena, maintenance, staffing, and we've really got to pay attention to that. I am counting on our director to be able to manage that, and make the best recommendations to us to

do that."

Belfry told council the Storm is able to access Policy 91 financial assistance available to community groups and organizations within the municipality, but that the amount is capped at \$750 for each group, which leaves the Storm with additional costs due to the number of tournaments booked.

Belfry said staff was bringing forward a report on Policy 91 and the grants that had gone out, with staff proposing to do a review of Policy 91 to see how it is structured, and how fees are waived. In a non-pandemic year, Belfry said close to \$50,000 in fees are waived in a year.

"As council is aware, I've previously stated that the facility is at 13 per cent revenue recovery base, which is concerning," said Belfry. "We have had concerns about fees coming in before and lack of fees."

CAO Trisha McKibbin recommended a staff report come back responding to questions asked during the meeting, a conversation with the minor hockey team be had and that Policy 91 be looked at, at the same time.

A report from staff will be brought forward for review and consideration during 2022 budget deliberations on March 24.

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public launch for decades. It was only when the property owner barricaded the launch property citing litigious concerns in the summer of 2016 – with boats still on the water – that it became evident to the community the launch had always been privately owned. Attempts by the township to find a long-term strategy were not successful.

The Bob Lake Association representing about 230 property owners formed in 2017 and requested that Minden Hills township construct a new public boat launch, which is south of Minden. They were concerned that the absence of a public boat launch would drive down property values, and also wanted boat access to the lake that was available to them previously. The proposed project would involve the installation of a concrete boat launch on a road allowance along Claude Brown Road which is a municipally maintained road. They estimated the project should cost \$30,000, but a report from then-Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening in 2018 noted a number of concerns with the proposed project, which he estimated would actually cost more than \$180,000.

In August 2020, the lake association after further conversation with councillors and township staff presented council with a request to cover approximately \$10,000 for legal consultation costs for a new boat launch proposal, with council agreeing to split the costs, paying up to \$5,000.

CAO Trisha McKibbin told council last week that since 2020, staff has been meeting with representatives of the BLA to issue a request for proposal regarding the boat launch design and the scope of work for the project, which was awarded to Tatham Engineering.

"The preliminary design report contained a preliminary construction estimate for the design proposed in the report," read McKibbin's report. "The total estimated cost is \$150,000 with a contingency allowance (20 per cent) of \$30,000 for a total estimated construction cost of \$180,000. These costs align with earlier estimates developed by township staff. This estimated cost includes only construction costs and does not include additional work that would be required to complete the project." After an amendment for further

construction deemed necessary, the total estimated cost is \$208,725.

While Sayne reiterated numerous times she felt a final conversation with the lake association would be appropriate, Councillor Jennifer Hughey said she felt council had fulfilled their responsibility.

Councillor Bob Carter said council was trying to "truly represent" all constituents, including those across the township, those on Bob Lake who want the boat launch and those who had written to council saying they don't want the boat ramp.

"We would love to have lots of things in this municipality, it doesn't mean we can afford all of these things," said Carter. "We really need to be looking at it from a budgetary perspective."

Councillor Jean Neville said it was her understanding the agreement to spend the \$5,000 doing the evaluation "was our last dealing with this."

"We were going to see what came of this report and what has come of this report is it's way too expensive to offer a small group of people a boat launch that is going to cost everybody in this municipality several points on their taxes," she said.

Devolin noted the township had been working on the situation for six years.

"We've exhausted every opportunity and it's unfortunate," he said. "We could twist ourselves up, myself included, in woulda-coulda-shoulda but the scale of it financially to me has made my decision."

McKibbin's report said the township has spent between \$20,000 to \$35,000 since 2016 on the review and consideration of the boat launch. It also notes the township owns 13 public boat launches elsewhere in the township, some that require extensive repair, and staff recommended "repair and maintenance occur to existing infrastructure before new infrastructure is constructed."

Members of the Bob Lake Association expressed disappointment with the decision, telling the *Times* they thought the Tatham cost estimates were highly inflated and that they have presented cost recovery options to avoid any impact on the township budget or tax dollar base. They said they are "regrouping to strategize on our next steps."

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# Health unit responds to government's lifting of restrictions

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

*The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit press conference held March 9 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.*

An acceleration of the lifting of public health measures was announced by the provincial government on March 9 prior to the HKPR briefing. Provincial mask mandates are scheduled to end on March 21, and COVID-19 safety plans for businesses and screening measures are coming to an end as well. By the end of April, the *Reopening Ontario Act* legislating mask mandates, capacity limits and proof of vaccinations will expire and no longer be in place.

Close contacts not living in the same house will not need to isolate but should self-monitor for symptoms. In the same household, those 18 and older who have received a booster dose or those under 18 with two doses of vaccine, won't need to isolate alongside their household member, the recommendation being to self-monitor for symptoms instead. Those unvaccinated would need to isolate for 10 days.

While PCR testing is still limited, Bocking said the province has added more eligible groups including home and community care clients and some other specific settings.

"The majority of the population still will have to rely on rapid antigen testing if you're looking for a diagnosis of COVID-19 beyond using symptoms as your guide," said Bocking.

## Mask wearing still an option

Bocking said she would still encourage

mask use in higher-risk settings or for individuals with compromised immune systems or with vulnerable family members.

"We know that masks are an effective and easy way to slow transmission of COVID-19," said Bocking. "What is changing is the provincial requirements around indoor masking. It doesn't change the ability of businesses and employers to make decisions for work places that might be at higher risk for COVID-19 transmission to have in place policies that support masking, and it doesn't change an individual's ability to wear masks and to be aware of COVID-19 transmission in community and to continue to help protect those people that are most vulnerable."

Bocking said in the next couple of weeks the impact of loosening restrictions would be seen.

"Fingers crossed, COVID-19, Omicron will continue to diminish and we'll reach a point in time where we don't need masks further at all," said Bocking.

When asked how vulnerable members of the community can respond, Bocking said those who know they're at higher risk of becoming sick from COVID-19 will now be more aware that when they go to public places it's more possible they will come into contact with somebody that unknowingly has the virus.

"It is tricky and it does place more of the onus on individuals to assess risk for themselves and risk or the impact on other people," said Bocking. "I would continue to recommend that people that are at higher risk of developing more severe infections from COVID-19 to continue to wear masks, and to continue to be cautious in attending those settings where you might have very closely packed, dense social crowds with lots of individuals that are not masked. I don't think it would be prudent at

this time to start with those activities."

Bocking said it's important to be respectful of those wearing masks.

"When we see people that are wearing masks, we certainly can't assume they have a medical condition that requires them to wear a mask. It could be somebody that has a family member that has a medical condition. It could be somebody that doesn't have a medical condition, doesn't have any family members but is really trying to be very aware and respectful and cognizant of not wanting to get anybody else sick and trying to prevent transmission."

## On masking at schools

Bocking said she didn't foresee that there won't be any masks at schools, with some teachers and students requiring one and some families electing to continue wearing one.

"Lifting of the legislative requirement for masking, we know that some people won't wear masks and what that does, is it will increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and we just don't know to what extent that is. I think the numbers are low right now that hopefully we won't actually see a significant increase in COVID-19 transmission, and that's certainly the hope. Right now time will tell and the key is to be aware and to understand that this very easy, effective tool, we can continue to bring it out and use it as needed."

Kids under five are still unvaccinated but Bocking said there are other layers of protection.

"In our region, close to 50 per cent of kids between five and 11 have been vaccinated or have at least received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine," said Bocking. "We also know that a fairly large number likely have had Omicron, COVID-19, and will have some

naturally acquired immunity through there. There is overall a certain level of immunity in the population. We know there's other layered measures like ventilation, like handwashing and assuring that if you're sick you're staying home that will also remain in place."

## Reporting deaths

Last Wednesday the province also announced changes to how they're reporting deaths related to COVID-19.

"They've gone back and are really looking to be very specific at including only those deaths where COVID-19 was the direct cause or a main contributing cause of death, and that might result in a change in numbers at a provincial level," said Bocking. "Locally, we have always attempted to only report those deaths that are as a direct result of COVID-19, the main cause or main contributing cause of death."

All local cases are currently being reviewed to ensure they meet provincial criteria, but she does not anticipate a significant change.

"Often I've heard people say we should only be counting those deaths where COVID-19 was the exact cause of death, but we also know there are individuals that have other medical conditions that then contracted COVID-19 and became quite ill because of that, maybe largely because of their underlying condition but really COVID-19 still contributed to any earlier death than might have otherwise been realized," she said. "I wonder if we are still underreporting the impact of COVID-19 on some of those deaths."

Bocking said the exercise in numbers was never perfect but they were hoping to communicate the "true burden" of what COVID-19 has been for communities.

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## Celebrate research

**I**T'D BE EASY to pass by the little U-Links Centre for Community Based Research building at 93 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden without taking much notice of it. You've likely walked or driven by it numerous times with your eyes on the turn ahead or the bank entrance. But inside there's a small team reaching out of that office and making huge connections throughout the community and beyond, partnering students and faculty at Trent University and Fleming College with groups and organizations in Haliburton County to find answers to local questions and solutions for rural problems.

It's positive and important work, the service of matching a student or class with a research, planning or community service and development project offering a win all around. The students gain practical experience and academic credit to do the work, local community organizations benefit

from what would generally be costly research at no charge (or by donation if able) and we all have access to the findings, which often results in information – historic, scientific, social, demographic, economic or environmental – to help us move forward in implementing projects, events and ideas.

Hundreds of these research projects conducted over the past few decades are available through the Haliburton County Collection research database on the U-Links site. You've read about much of the work done in stories in this paper, or seen the results of it in tangible assets throughout the community over the years, projects focusing on green burial site options; reducing plastic use at the farmers' market; the master plan for the

Minden Riverwalk; collection and analysis of benthic macroinvertebrates in a lake near you; the impact of the leek moth on garlic grown here or the history of Indigenous habitation in the area to name but a few.

Each year, a Celebration of Research takes place to hear from students and faculty about what they've uncovered for their hosts.

While typically the event has taken place in auditoriums around the county, this year marks the second that it will be presented virtually. Last year the event stood out as being well-organized, interactive and quite unique from the typical one-screen meeting we've become accustomed to

over the past two years. If the technological aspect of the meeting is a bit daunting, the folks at U-Links can help in advance and tech support is available during the event as it happens as well.

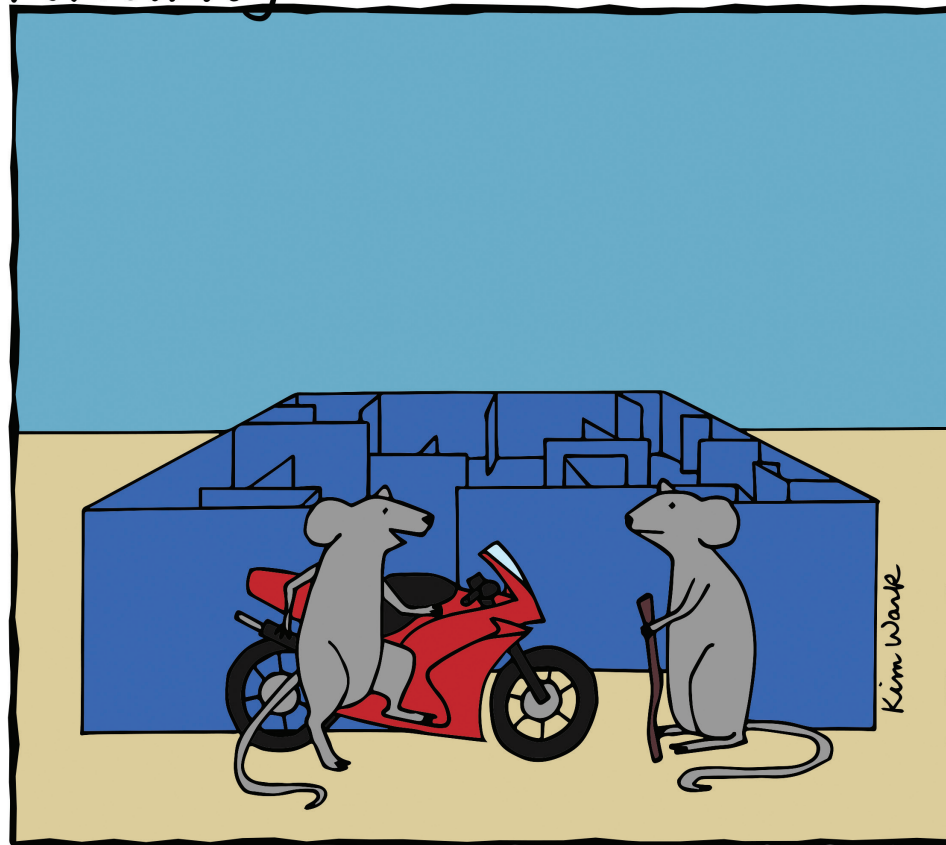
Some of the topics this year include weevil farming feasibility for Eurasian water

**SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

milfoil management; food waste reduction strategies for Dysart et al; management of the Trent-Severn Waterway and the ecological impacts on reservoir lakes; eating disorders in rural communities, and forest health monitoring. There really is something for everyone whether you're just interested in hearing about the outcomes of research done this year and learning something new, or you want to see how it all works because you or your group might benefit from what the U-Links team can provide.

The Celebration of Research event truly is a celebration of work being done in this community to help it thrive. Mark March 26 on your calendar and join the students, faculty, organizations and community members in learning more.

## Kwarky

*"This baby corners beautifully."*

## The hardest part of turkey hunting

**A** LOT OF PEOPLE will tell you that the most difficult game animal to hunt in North America is the wild turkey. My answer to that is yes, but not for the reasons you suspect

Sure, they are sometimes a difficult animal to hunt due to their caginess. But are they overly intelligent? Not really. In fact, I would say the average turkey is not much more intelligent than the average turkey hunter. Which, if my friends and me are any indication, is not very complimentary to the bird.

What makes turkey hunting so difficult is not the bird. It is that, in most cases, a hunter has to convince a landowner to allow turkey hunting on the property.

This is not as easy as it sounds. In fact, I would say it is the most difficult part of turkey hunting.

Mostly because you have to convince the landowner that you are not crazy.

This is not a simple task with the evidence on hand. For what you are telling the landowner is that you paid \$26.33 for a licence that allows you to have a fleeting opportunity to shoot a bird that you could buy in a store for \$26.32. But only if you wake up in the middle of the night to prepare yourself for the hunt, then drive to the property, trek into the field long before sunrise, sit with your butt on the cold ground, and spend your time wondering what big animal is crunching leaves and growling behind you in the dark. And all this while you are shivering until the day heats up enough for the blackflies and mosquitoes to wake up so they can dine on you for breakfast. Which is something you skipped to be there on time.

Sometime after that, the landowner might

ask, "Did a wild turkey hurt you when you were a child?"

And you'll reply, "No, they are my favourite bird."

Then, if they delve into the matter further, you will probably end up communicating that you will be carrying several very-expensive anatomically correct rubber turkeys, all of which you have named and are quite fond of. Also, that you have spent the last month practicing with various turkey calls so that you are now convinced you can have a serious and meaningful conversation with any

wild turkey on the property – although the same level of communication cannot be attained with your spouse anymore.

This will typically prompt the landowner to ask: "And you are carrying a shotgun or bow?"

To which you will then say, "Yes." And then, mistaking the question for real interest, you will probably go into far too much detail about your shotgun and how you patterned it so that no turkey

that shows within 40 yards will escape.

To which, the landowner might ask, "So, you never miss?"

Which is when you must artfully change the subject.

Eventually, the landowner might query you why you wouldn't just buy a bird at the grocery store. To which you will probably reply, "I bought my licence (\$26.33) shotgun (\$1,000), decoys (\$150), calls (\$60), shells (\$30), and turkey hunting vest, boots, and face mask (\$300), so I can get a bird for free every spring."

After that, all you can do is hold your breath and hope that you have made the case that you are not crazy – which would have been a whole lot easier had you not introduced him to your favourite decoy.

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



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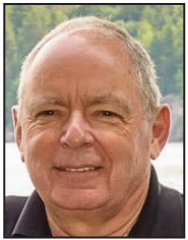
Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Russia to learn the hard way

**“I**T’S LIKE déjà vu all over again,” American baseball star Yogi Berra was famous for saying.

Yogi has been gone for a while now, but his words live on and have never rang truer than during the continuing Russian bombardment of Ukraine and slaughter and displacement of its people.

This week is the 82nd anniversary of another Russian attempt to invade and enslave a neighbour. That invasion, a mirror image of what Mad Vlad is attempting in Ukraine, became known as the Winter War.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman’s Rock*

The news media, certainly the sites that I follow, have not mentioned the Winter War and its similarities to what is happening now in Ukraine. However, John Ward, a journalism colleague with a sharp mind for history honed through 46 years at The Canadian Press, reminded some of us.

The Winter War began on Nov. 30, 1939 when Russia (then the Soviet Union) did some false flag shelling as a pretext for invading Finland. The Soviets said they needed some Finnish territory to secure their northern borders, but research has indicated the plan was to capture all Finland and install a Communist puppet government.

Often fought in minus 40 to minus 45 Celsius temperatures the war lasted only 105 days, ending March 13, 1940. The Soviets suffered heavy losses and worldwide disdain before withdrawing, while agreeing to a peace treaty that gave them nine per cent of Finnish territory.

The poor performance of the Red Army encouraged Adolf Hitler to launch Operation Barbarossa, code name for an invasion of the Soviet Union. The invasion was not successful but the Soviets suffered more than two million casualties.

If you held a mirror to the Finland invasion, you would see Ukraine today – bombed residences, dead women and children and a cruel Russian leader lying through his teeth to justify the horror.

The Soviets sent 450,000 troops against Finland but Finnish guerrilla warfare held them back. Like in Ukraine, the Soviets had air superiority, dropping 12,000 bombs on one city alone.

Helsinki, Finland’s capital, was bombed eight times during the Winter War. The Soviets dropped 350 bombs on the city, killing 97 people and wounding 260. Fifty-five buildings were destroyed.

The Soviets lied about the bombing. They said they bombed airfields only, just like today when the Russians say they bomb only military targets. We all have seen the television footage of the bombed apartment buildings and hospitals in Ukraine.

Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet propaganda minister back in 1940, said his airplanes were not dropping bombs; they were dropping bread baskets to feed hungry Finns.

The Finns returned the favour. They lured Soviet equipment into range where they hit them with petrol bombs – glass bottles filled with flammable liquids.

It was the Finns who gave petrol bombs the name Molotov cocktail, which Ukrainians are making today in large quantities. One Ukraine brewery now has stopped producing beer and put its people to work turning out Molotov cocktails.

Another similarity between the Finland and Ukraine invasions is the large numbers of volunteers wanting to fight the invaders. An estimated 12,000 foreign volunteer fighters signed up to help the Finns repel the Soviets.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said recently that more than 16,000 foreigners had volunteered to help his people this time. He did not say how many actually have arrived in the country.

Ukraine’s foreign ministry estimates that 20,000 people from 52 countries volunteered to fight in Ukraine during the first week of the Russian invasion.

Numbers like that indicate that while the Russians may win the war, they’ll not win a peace to go with it.

It is doubtful that tens of thousands of volunteers can stop the Russians from taking Ukraine, or other countries that once were part of the Soviet bloc. Which raises the spectre of a wider war in Europe and the possibility of a Third World War. The second ended with nuclear bombs.

There also is the question about whether the 2.7 million displaced Ukrainians will ever return home. And, if they can’t, where will they live?

The future does not hold any really hopeful scenarios. As Yogi also said: “The future ain’t what it used to be.”



### Brand new dawn

The sky was full of colour with the sunrise, as seen from Bobcaygeon Road on a recent Saturday morning./Photo by Guenter Horst

### letters to the editor

## Concern for Carmount, Cultural Centre

To the Editor,

*The following is an open letter to the mayor and members of Minden Hills council:*

I was shocked to learn of the end of the employment of Laurie Carmount as the curator at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

I am well aware that personnel matters are beyond your purview for public comment. I am also aware that over the years, Ms. Carmount struggled hard to create a gallery that our community is proud of, a facility that attracts visitors from far beyond Minden Hills and fulfilled the dream of its namesake, Dr. Agnes Jamieson.

The extensive André Lapine holdings are the envy of small community galleries across this country and beyond. Many of those paintings are community treasures inspired by the very landscapes that surround us right here in Minden Hills.

Under Ms. Carmount’s guidance our community was exposed to visiting exhibits that broadened everyone’s appreciation of art and offered opportunities to meet artists who would likely

never pass this way. At the same time, she created time and space for local artists to showcase their work and helped them gain recognition for their talents.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature’s Place were all inspired by personal commitments and visions that emerged from our community. The buildings, but more importantly the ideas and effort they embody, represent tangible evidence that our fellow citizens cared enough to make this corner a touchstone of our community. My fear is that Ms. Carmount’s departure is but a first step in dismantling this legacy.

The council needs to offer the citizens of Minden Hills assurances that the cultural centre is not about to be abandoned and in fact every effort should be made to enhance and improve the facility. A public acknowledgement of Ms. Carmount’s contribution to the centre’s growth and success over her many years of service would also be in order.

**Jack Brezina**  
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Barney is a socially awkward schoolboy who lives in a world where it’s the norm to have B-Bots, digitally connected robot companions. When he finally receives Ron, a walking, talking, digitally connected device that’s supposed to be his best friend, he is beyond excited – until Ron starts acting very strange. Ron’s malfunctioning nature draws the attention of a shady executive from the bot company, who wants to protect his stock prices at all costs. Not knowing what else to do about his new friend’s hilarious glitches, Barney sets out to teach Ron about social cues, and what it means to be a human. Directed by Serah Smith, and J.P. Vine, *Ron’s Gone Wrong* is an adorable, feel-good animated film about friendship in the digital age, and it’s the perfect pick for a family movie night. Check it out from Haliburton County Public Library today.



# Minden’s banner photo contest focuses on feathered friends

by JERELYN CRADEN  
*Special to the Times*

Do you love the sight of colourful birds? Enjoy taking photos of nature? Do you think you might enjoy seeing one of your photos of a bird that is local to the area displayed on a banner in downtown Minden? How about adorning the main streets for two whole years? Then the Minden Banner Photo Contest is for you.

“I’m excited to see what people submit,” said Elisha Weiss, contest organizer and community development co-ordinator for the township of Minden Hills. “This year we have 26 banners that will fit on our main street section. If we don’t get enough individual entries, we will make multiple copies of the best few, so we would have doubles or duplicates.”

This year’s theme, Native Birds of Haliburton County, is a continuation of past years when banner images were taken from nature, the last being Wetlands.

“We thought, everyone loves birds and wouldn’t it be nice to showcase birds that are native to the area?” Weiss said.

“The colour photos don’t need to be taken in Haliburton County as long as the birds are local in nature. In fact, the photos needn’t be recent. It’s fun to go through your photos and see if you already have one that would be nice to display.”

The banner initiative was first started by a local community group, then displayed by the town.

They were hand-painted on canvas. When the township took it over, they soon realized how time prohibitive the process was.

“It was so much work to get someone to sew the actual canvas for us,” Weiss said, “and then get people to come in, draw it on the canvas, then spend many days painting it. Plus, we needed a giant space to work in.”

In 2019, when the town wanted banners for the main street, instead of ordering generic ones from a company, they looked to the community.

“We thought, we’ve got so many talented people living here, let’s put a call out and see if anyone’s interested in submitting some of their photos,” Weiss said. Eighteen submissions were received.

The Banner Photo Contest is presently open for submissions with a deadline of April 8.

“Hopefully we can get the winning entries (adjudicated by the staff of the community services department of Minden Hills), made into banners and displayed in time for the May 24 long weekend when tourists, cottagers, and everybody will be coming up,” Weiss said.

Entry forms can be obtained by contacting Elisha at [eweiss@mindenhills.ca](mailto:eweiss@mindenhills.ca) or picked up at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena reception desk Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## letters to the editor

### ‘Hidden benefits’ of Airbnbs

To the Editor,

*RE: County to conduct survey of short-term rentals, March 2 Times*

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts has hit the nail on the head. We really need to make sure to capture all the wonderful hidden benefits of Airbnbs. For instance, look at the landfill space being saved when renters dump their garbage by the side of the road when their rental is over. And that’s good, because our spendthrift municipal governments won’t have commercial tax revenue from regulated accommodation businesses to throw at wasteful projects like roads and bridges much longer thanks to these “innovative” new businesses that pay the same residential (not business) taxes as you and I!

And gosh, so much better to not have to deal with all that pesky licensing and inspection nonsense, not to mention having more waterfront lands to throw developers’ way once those old school lodging businesses go under. Brilliant!

And look at how residents and cottagers benefit too! Up with the birds on those beautiful summer mornings because the all-night party next door made it impossible to sleep. No rushing to get to town because the road is blocked once again by the renter’s car that has slid off the road after they blithely drove past the “four-wheel-drive only” sign in their Honda Civic in January. A chance to feel good about protecting the environment by picking up that garbage left behind because, hey, sure the “host” left landfill tags, but the landfill is “out of the way.” Of course, getting to meet new people who swear at you, threaten you or tell you they’ll party their lungs out if they like is always an interesting learning experience from which we can all gain so much.

I look forward to Ms. Roberts’s further insights on how having highly disruptive, unregulated businesses operating in residential neighbourhoods is a boon for the county.

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# Ron Gambell remembered for his charisma, leadership

by JERELYN CRADEN  
Special to the Times

Ron Gambell, highly charismatic entrepreneur and community leader, passed away on Sunday, March 6 at his home in Minden Hills. Born with the gift of gab and an aptitude for inspiring others, he excelled as Master Grand Salesman with General Motors and owner of Gambell Motors and Gambell Antiques and Tea Room, both in Minden. He served as warden of Lutterworth township, councillor for Minden Hills, and president of the Rotary Club of Minden. Gambell also became the host of Suwan's Thai Cuisine, the popular restaurant of his business and life partner of 22 years, Suwan Khamduang.

"Ron had a very progressive attitude, and no matter how serious the subject of discussion, his sense of humour would capture people's imagination and support," said Jeanne Anthon, former Minden Hills reeve and councillor. "When I first moved up here permanently in 1991, and ran for council, Ron was one of the first persons to contact me. He was pleased to see a woman running for council."

At the time, Anthon said Gambell was president of the Rotary Club of Minden.

"He invited me and Shirley Cooney to join Rotary and when he did that, I didn't realize that there had been no women members of the club," she said. "It was still a new opportunity for women around the world. They were just opening it up. So, Ron was breaking the mould when he invited us to join Rotary. It was a courageous thing to do because not every member agreed with that move. There was some resistance but he was determined to change their ways. And we were accepted. That was the start of women members for the Rotary Club of Minden."

Norm Gambell, Ron's eldest son, spoke of the fun he remembers.

"Growing up, we never wanted for anything," he said. "We had snowmobiles, a cottage and boat on Davis Lake, trips to Florida and a trip to Alaska. Dad bought a Chevrolet Suburban and we drove to Alaska and came down the coast on a ferry from B.C. and then across Washington State and back to Ontario. It was a great two-month vacation!"

"Dad was also very thoughtful," he said. "When I got my first job as a busboy at a steakhouse, he got me this serving tray with a picture of a big number one on it and the words: Best Busboy. And the time I took his granddaughter (now 26) to see him, he had the antique store back then with a sign in front that had letters you could change. He made it read: Welcome Amanda!"

Gambell's nephew, Glenn, remembers his uncle's talent to persuade. "Uncle Ron was a great salesman. He could talk people into doing things that they maybe weren't comfortable doing. Like when I went to his cottage with my mom and dad and he convinced us all that we could water ski. He was an avid water skier. We really hadn't had much experience but he got us all up. That's why I can water ski today."

The chapter most recently notable began in 1999 when Gambell met Suwan Khamduang, then a cook at the Tiger restaurant in Sutton. A frequent customer at the restaurant, he would tell her about his Minden antique business, the colourful people he would meet, the auctions, Salvation Army and other sources of inventory.

"It was so interesting to me," she said. "I knew nothing like this in Thailand." Khamduang came to Canada in 1994.

They began dating in 2000 and by mid-year, moved in together at Gambell's residence in Minden.

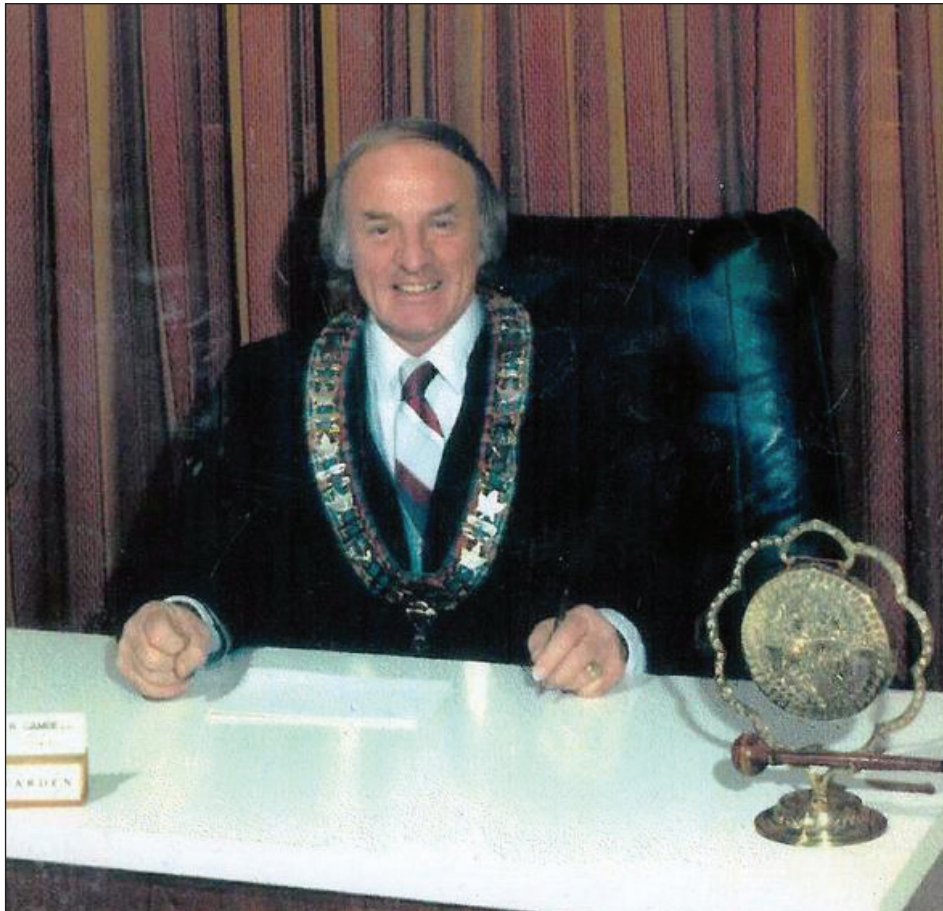
"At first, Ron didn't want me to do the restaurant," Khamduang said, referring to her landmark Suwan's Thai Cuisine. "He just wanted me to be there and take me everywhere to the auction sales. This was a new world to me, so exciting. I had never seen auctions before."

Khamduang laughed, "Sometimes I would put my hand up (during the bidding) and would forget to put it down."

Realizing how much she had bought, Khamduang worried about how she would sell it. She did her best but, "haggling with customers over price was too much for me. I told Ron, I want to do a restaurant."

The issue began to draw a wedge between them. But, when Khamduang came close to buying a restaurant site on Highland Street in downtown Haliburton and moving on with her life, Gambell, not wanting to lose her, gave his support.

"At first, I was working only with a house stove," Khamduang said. "But, two, three days after we opened, I got so busy, I needed a real kitchen. After one month he could see me work very hard and lots of people coming and he said, OK, you can have a full kitchen."



Ron Gambell was a member of Minden council in the '80s, warden for Lutterworth township and sat on county council. He died on March 6 in his 89th year. /Photo submitted



Gambell, seen here with partner Suwan Khamduang, was a master grand salesman with General Motors before he opened Gambell Motors, then Gambell Antiques and together with Khamduang, Suwan's Thai Cuisine. /Photo submitted

Gambell soon enjoyed playing host at the restaurant (originally named The Wild Orchid), greeting people, being his charismatic self, telling stories of his life, and always showing interest in customers, many who would become long-time friends.

"Ron was really good at PR. I just cooked and chopped and stuff like that," Khamduang said. "He helped hire the staff and took care of the books. He was very proud of the restaurant."

Gambell's love of antiques extended to the tables and chairs used in the restaurant. "Sometimes," Khamduang said, "people would come in, they'd sit down at a table and if they liked it and asked if they could buy it, it would go, and we had to get another."

Gambell and Khamduang's relationship was deep and loving. "He called me, Gigi. I called him, Ronny."

They loved travelling together and in 2000 went to Thailand for what would become an annual visit to see her large family.

"Everybody loved him," she said. "Ron got along with people and they just loved him."

They also traveled to the Netherlands, Amsterdam, Sweden, Denmark, and numerous parts of the United States.

"When he passed," Khamduang said, "so many people posted really positive things wishing that he goes to heaven. People just loved him."

Asked what she will miss most about her life partner of

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— JEANNE ANTHON

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22 years, Khamduang said, "His easy smile ... warm, warm, warm."

A Celebration of Life will be held at Suwan's Thai Cuisine in the fall, the date to be announced at a later time.



# Alex Jack draws in landscape at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

by JERELYN CRADEN  
*Special to the Times*

Unique, stand-out landscape artist, Alex Jack is back at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) with a solo exhibit that runs from February 1 to April 2. With over 40 pieces, ranging in size from three by five inches to 10 feet long, his show, Drawing in Landscape, takes centre stage after Jack's work was seen in several AJG group exhibits over the last decade.

"I became interested in art in my late teens," Jack said. "More representational art. I drew people mostly."

As for his earliest influences, "One of my aunts was an artist, and one of my grandmothers, her mother. There's a certain amount of ability scattered throughout the family tree."

Jack treasures his grandmother's art exercise book that she used in Grade 7, "back in 1895," he said. "Quite remarkable, the level of facility she had at that age. That's how they taught art then. The workbook had pre-printed images, like a pot of flowers, and you would draw it as close as you could. In those days they were training people for doing advertising in Eaton's catalogues, and such."

Jack's strong connection to nature drew him to doing landscape art.

"My very earliest pieces in the show are from Labrador, where I lived for a while in the mid-'70s," he said. "Everything else is from Ontario. I was travelling up to north eastern Ontario, (approximately one hour north of North Bay), but more recently, I do most of my work here in eastern Ontario. A lot of it in Frontenac Park."

Jack defines the alphabet of the visual arts as, "contrast, dark and light. The way some-



Visitors to the Drawing in Landscape exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery take in a 10-foot landscape by artist Alex Jack. /Photo by Jerelyn Craden

thing is placed on the page, how much space is around it, how much colour contrast there is between, say, red and green. All of these things are going to create space and that's mainly what you're doing with the language."

In the early '70s, when Jack was in his mid-twenties, he studied at The Three Schools of Art in Toronto. Then, in 1976, he began studying full-time there and at Central Tech. In 1990, Jack and his partner of 35 years,

Julie Withrow, (also a landscape artist), moved from Toronto to Centreville, outside of Kingston, which afforded them more space for their art, and more money for art supplies.

"You're always aware of the cost of art supplies," Jack said. "Sometimes we had to give some things up in order to buy them. Even successful artists have great costs for producing more and bigger pieces. I don't think that ever goes away."

Jack's favourite time of year to paint/draw outside is early March through late April. "It's when snow is melting and the ice, in particular, goes through all of these colour changes and the slow transition, to me, is very attractive. I also like the fall, late September to November," he said.

"I don't go outside and do a quick sketch and then come back to the studio to do it better. I'm very much committed to trying to get a really good image while I'm out there." All of Jack's work in Drawing in Landscape are drawings using pencil, pastels and charcoal.


When asked who his favourite artists are, without hesitation, Jack said, "Rembrandt." Followed by Canadian landscape artists, Tom Thomson, David Milne, and Emily Carr.

For those interested in trying their hand at art, Jack said, "Just start with a pad of paper and a pencil. Decide what it is about the landscape that you like the most that you want to convey. Is it the details in things? Is it the distance that impresses? Is it a certain time of year that you like more? Find something to focus on and then get started and just expand it."

For more information regarding the artwork of Alex Jack or to contact him, please send a query to: [galler@mindenhills.ca](mailto:galler@mindenhills.ca)

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Sadie Fischer, environmental program co-ordinator for the U-Links Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch Program goes over the benthic biomonitoring protocol with Trent students. /Photos by Joshua Solti



Trent University student sampling for benthic invertebrates during the applied biomonitoring field trip with U-Links at Kabakwa Lake.

## Annual community-based research event plans to share insight

by SUE TIFFIN  
Editor

It's that time of year again, for a showcase of student research.

The U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is hosting its annual Celebration of Research event – the 31st of its kind – during a virtual gathering planned for March 26. Members of the public are invited to join Trent University and Fleming College students and faculty as they share the findings of a semester or year full of conducting interviews, poring over data, even wading through water in search of answers for local host organizations that include lake associations, businesses, municipalities, and not-for-profit agencies.

The event will be held virtually for the second time in a row as organizers wanted to avoid needing to pivot an in-person event online should pandemic restrictions be put in place. Last year's much-praised virtual event, held online after the 2020 in-person event was cancelled, saw more than 100 guests attending online, having the opportunity to take in presentations, visit breakout rooms of their choice to ask questions of researchers and network and connect with others over findings and research possibilities.

In total this year, almost 90 students – some as individuals and some as classes – will be presenting their work on a diverse array of research topics. Two student projects will be featured in the main room of the meeting, with additional sessions held in breakout rooms. One featured project this year is Sara Moret's study with thesis supervisor Dr. Naomi Nichols, of eating disorders in rural communities, a project which hopes to address a concern in health care circles; that it's not easy for people in rural communities to access services for eating disorders such as anorexia or binge eating and the potential that the pandemic has amplified this problem. A food waste reduction strategies study for Dysart et al conducted through a sustainable waste management class of students at Fleming College will also be featured. The class will be presenting on different strategies to reduce food waste, with a focus on residential homes, and a public outreach and educational campaign.

"It's always been a great class and producing really good, quality work," said Daniela Pagliaro, administrative and logistics co-ordinator for U-Links.

A keynote address will be delivered by Nichols, a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in community-partnered social justice with



Shelley Hunt from Haliburton Highlands Land Trust welcomes Trent student researchers for the field portion of the Forest Health monitoring project at Dahl Forest. /Photo by Joshua Solti

a focus on youth with precarious housing situations.

The projects, conducted at some time in 2021/2022 that will be included this year include: forest health monitoring with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust; incorporating Indigenous knowledge and teachings into Abbey Gardens programming; a Gull Lake wetland assessment; five-lined skink species summary for Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park; socio-economic impact of wetlands for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust; weevil farming feasibility study for Eurasian watermilfoil management on Drag and Spruce Lakes; management of the Trent-Severn Waterway and the ecological impacts on reservoir lakes; anthropogenic land uses and their impacts relating to the water quality and aquatic ecosystems of upper stoney lake; nine-spotted lady beetle: inventory and monitoring protocols and benthic biomonitoring projects that took place on Halls, Hawk, Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung, Haliburton, Bob, Grace, Upper Stoney, Miskwabi and Gull Lakes.

"Every single project will be represented at this event, so we'll have the featured ones, their chats in the main space, and then people will get to jump around and visit the rooms that interest them and be able to ask questions and it's more interactive," said Pagliaro.

"We're going to try to set up a few different rooms at the end for networking so if

there was a conversation you weren't able to have or wanted to continue with a student, or there was a poster you didn't have a chance to go look at, that you'd have an opportunity to talk with the students there," said Sadie Fischer, environmental program co-ordinator for the Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch Program.

Almost 50 students in a new applied biomonitoring class at Trent University will be presenting three different projects within one class. The development of that course is important in the partnership between U-Links and the university.

"We partner with Trent students obviously and they had a huge waiting list right away," said Pagliaro. "So we're going to have access to [about] 46 students every year now to do work with us, research in the county on the forests and the lakes for organizations that we're partnering with."

Pagliaro and Fischer are excited to hear the results of the studies they've been helping to plan and co-ordinate throughout the past year.

"The other thing that's kind of cool is we're in our third year now of collecting data for terrestrial and aquatic biomonitoring," said Pagliaro. "With some of the lakes they've already gotten to the three-year point so we're really close to now being able to provide a baseline that you'll compare future data to, so we can really see what's going on with the lakes."

Benthic biomonitoring began on six lakes three years ago and this year, the group has finished sampling on 24 lakes, with numerous opportunities to expand, said Fischer.

The research offered is completely free, although if host organizations are able to offer a donation that's appreciated. Often the research is then leveraged by organizations to make projects happen. Groups including the Haliburton Highlands Art Centre Foundation, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust have utilized U-Links work recently to further projects.

"Lake associations are definitely using the research that's produced through U-Links and the students to implement new programs and conservation-type efforts in their areas and around their lakes," said Pagliaro. In the future, the U-Links team hopes to build the economic/business sector, partnering with local businesses for research, but Pagliaro and Fischer encourage anyone to call if they think they might have an idea to look into.

"It's a safe way to start because you're not investing a lot, you're just putting in some time, as a host," said Pagliaro. "We help our hosts to formulate the project proposal and research questions, they just need to pick up the phone and call us. We have the proposal form downloadable on our website, but we recommend people just reach out – sometimes coming up with research questions can be a bit intimidating."

Pagliaro notes U-Links has become more known in the county, with people more aware of the work they're doing, in part because of the environmental work being conducted.

"We're the only thing of our kind in rural North America," she said. "We do community-based research pretty authentically, where it's truly driven by the community, it's not coming from academic curiosity or the academic institutions' agenda. It's all just driven by the community. It's truly grassroots and it's really wonderful."

"There's plenty of organizations that offer it in urban environments but when it comes to the rural areas, it doesn't really happen – we're really happy to be able to give that back to the community," said Fischer. "And smaller communities need that, they need the extra push sometimes, the extra resources."

The 2022 Celebration of Research event is planned for Saturday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, tech support or to register to attend, visit [www.ulinks.ca](http://www.ulinks.ca). For those who can't attend as it happens, a recording of some of the event will be available online at a later date.



# K.O. Martial Arts offers tai chi and kickboxing indoors and out

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**  
Special to the Times

Haliburton residents may get a kick out of what Kelly Outram is doing.

The young entrepreneur is trying to foster a martial arts culture in the county. He now offers tai chi and kickboxing classes through his business, K.O. Martial Arts. The programs are ramping up after two years of COVID-related restrictions that prevented him from running anything with much consistency.

But with the snow melting, and people waking from a long period in which sports programs were rarely provided, he sees this spring as an ample opportunity to get people energized and excited about new physical activities.

"Everyone gets bored of regular exercise," Outram said, when asked to explain why martial arts are so special. "When you come out to martial arts, you have people to train with. It's super interactive and it's a ton of fun, all the time."

Outram offers a drop-in, outdoor tai chi class, every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. from his location at 2354 South Lake Rd. He describes tai chi as an exercise based on balance and fluid movement. The twisting movements it involves loosens joints and eases muscle tension. As part of the tai chi class, participants are also introduced to Qi Gong, a breathing practice that is intended to build energy and help people feel rejuvenated.



Kelly Outram, of K.O. Martial Arts, offers a tai chi class in which participants are also introduced to Qi Gong, a breathing practice that is intended to build energy and help people feel rejuvenated. /Photo by Brad Brown, Upside Brown Production Services

Outram's kickboxing classes are now taking place regularly at the Haliburton Dance Academy at 135 Industrial Park Rd. on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

He says when students work on kickboxing, they're combining karate, kung fu and Muay Thai activities. It's a great workout, because there's so much emphasis on footwork. It's also very active; as one person practices punching or kicking, the other is learning blocking techniques.

Outram, who by day works as an arborist and runs Outram Tree Solutions with his brother Jacob, is a life-long fan of the martial arts. After learning karate as a child, he wanted to continue learning about martial arts as an adult and share his love for the activity with other Haliburton-area residents.

He has high hopes for K.O. Martial Arts as it evolves. He said he'd like to soon teach jiu-jitsu in the area, but would need to find a bigger space.

He stressed that participants in his classes don't have to be experienced martial artists.

"At this point, most of our students are beginners," he said. "I want people to get interested in martial arts, to experience and see what it's like. And if they want to learn more and pursue competitive martial arts, I'm willing to foster that."

To learn more about K.O. Martial Arts visit, [www.haliburtonmartialarts.com](http://www.haliburtonmartialarts.com)

## Pandemic not over, but hope springs eternal at HHSS

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff



Competitive inter-school athletics is making a full return to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) now that the province announced it will lift many of its mandates to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Effective March 21, which is the first day back from the March break, the area high school and all schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) will be open to visitors, including student athletes from other schools.

HHSS principal Chris Boulay said although there has been in-school opportunities for athletics this winter, there has been an improvement in the overall mood at the school since the announcement of the province's lifting of mandates.

"And truly, you know, the vibe at the school, espe-

cially with the mandates changing and some of the measures loosening, it certainly allows our students and staff to grow a greater sense of belonging and spirit. And that's really, really important to both the student population and our staff," he said.

He added badminton has already started and plans are underway to prepare for girls' soccer and track and field.

The track and field team will begin its training on Tuesday morning after the break and its coaching staff includes Karen Gervais, Ginny Marsden, Josh Kimble, and Al Hough.

The badminton team has been training since March 1, with the seniors coming out and then a little more than a week later joined by the juniors. Combined, there has been an average of close to 50 senior and junior players coming out. The coaches are Jason Morissette for the junior team and Bob Smith for the senior team. One scheduled date for a home tournament is on April 4 when the Red Hawks host a Kawartha qualifier. There is another tentative home tournament, but that hasn't been confirmed. This year's soccer team's coaching staff includes Courtney Cook and Amy Klose.

On the day of the announcement by the province's chief medical officer of health Dr. Kieran Moore, the TLDSB sent a letter addressed to student families that students, staff and visitors will no longer be required to

wear a mask when in a TLDSB building as of March 21.

Individuals are welcome to continue to wear a mask. "We ask that individuals be kind and respectful of the decisions made by others in all areas of personal protection," it reads.

It added visitors will be permitted in school buildings and proof of vaccination is no longer required for essential visitors, agencies and other non-staff workers.

Boulay said the mood at the school now is different when compared to the autumn, and even since December. He said teachers are also excited about being able to coach teams, which will compete.

"They're engaged and they're excited to be able to bring their skill sets to allow kids to expand their athletic experiences, and there are outdoor sports, which I think has another layer of comfort when I think of soccer and track and field. Badminton is still indoors, but I think our coaches are excited to get back at it. Get our kids competing," he said.

He continued, saying, "We've always had a positive atmosphere in our building, but we anticipate being able to celebrate all of our collective efforts in taking care of one another, but also celebrating how far we've come over the two year span. And, we said, certainly, we'd be able to feel that and hear that and see that in our halls and in our classrooms."

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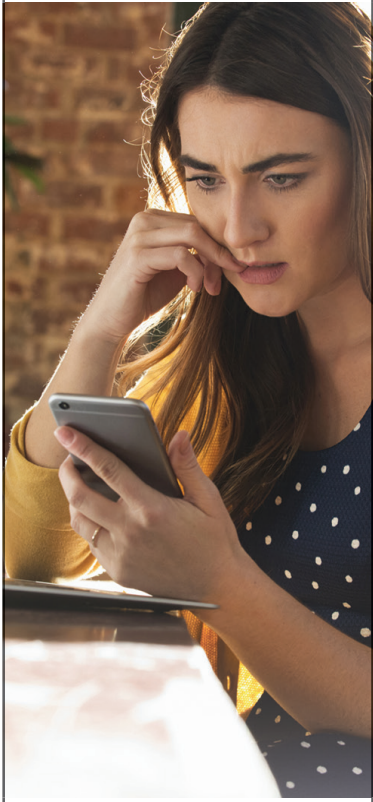





Taking a shot

Highland Storm under-11 rep forward Brycen Harrison gets a shot off during round-robin playoff action against the visiting Newcastle Stars on Wednesday, March 9 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Despite a three goal deficit after the first, the Storm came back to tie the Stars 3-3, with Harrison getting the first goal, which was followed by teammates Travis Rowe and Chase Kerr, who scored the equalizer. The next night the Storm beat the Kawartha Coyotes 10-2, with goals from Travis Rowe (six), Tyler Hughes, Chase Kerr (two), and Lyla Degeer. The top-four teams after the five-game round-robin with six teams advance. The team's coaching staff includes head coach Mike Hamilton, assistant coach Chris Kerr and trainer Marcus Rowe. /DARREN LUM Staff

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## INSPECTION

### Inspection of 2022 – 2023 Annual Work Schedule for Bancroft-Minden Forest

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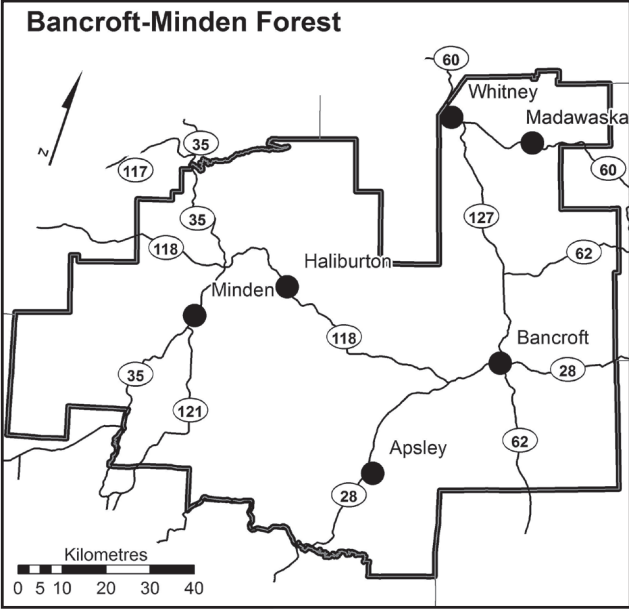
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#### Bancroft-Minden Forest







Haliburton County Huskies forward Sam Solarino looks to get a shot off in tight against North York Rangers goalie James Gray during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Tuesday, March 8 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies needed double-overtime to beat the Rangers 3-2. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Huskies celebrate winning streak

by ALEX GALLACHER  
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies were riding high after picking up a huge road win against the St. Michael's Buzzers on March 4. They used that momentum to build what currently stands as a four-game win streak, downing North York and Lindsay at home and Trenton on the road.

A beautiful overtime goal by Simon Rose was all the Huskies needed to seal the deal on Tuesday, March 8, and an offensive explosion helped the Huskies steamroll the Lindsay Muskies in the biggest win in franchise history.

On Tuesday, the North York Rangers came to town. Despite the team leading the Eastern conference at one point this season, the Huskies have held the series lead at 2-1. With the league's most fearsome goalie James Gray getting the start against the Huskies, the team needed their "A" game and sure enough they brought it.

The teams traded multiple scoring chances in the first period, however the Huskies broke ground late in the first period. Huskies offensive star Oliver Tarr set up teammate Lucas Stevenson in front of the net, who beat Gray through the five-hole to give the Huskies the early lead. The second period saw some rough moments, but oddly enough no scoring. These two teams have matched up well this season, with most of the games having been decided by one goal in regulation, or decided in overtime, and Tuesday was no exception.

Just over halfway into the third and the Huskies doubled their lead. Some confusion

in front of the net, led to Bryce Richardson knocking the puck in during the confusion exhibited by goaltender Grey. After some protest and anger from the Rangers bench, the game continued. The Rangers weren't going to go down quietly, and with the goalie pulled, they got to work.

Daniel Petreccia backhanded one past Huskies starting goalie Christian Cicigoi to get the Rangers on the board, and a few seconds later Isa Parekh silenced the Huskies crowd by getting off a hard shot from the top of the hash to tie the game 2-2. Just like that in less than a minute, the game was headed to OT. Keeping in mind that the Huskies had one win in five overtime games and conversely the Rangers were a perfect 4-0, fans at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena were nervous, but confident in the Huskies.

The first overtime period solved nothing, so onto the second overtime, where Simon Rose sent the partisan fans home happy. Deking around two defenders, Rose chipped it over Gray's shoulder to set the packed arena into a frenzy to earn two points for the Huskies.

"We won the draw and Tarr brought the one guy back," said Rose, describing the goal. "The play opened up and I was able to go right through. I knew I was going to try to cut the one defender and when I did he didn't even turn, so I flat-footed the other guy and I had some speed so I chipped it over the goalie's shoulder for the win."

The Huskies carried that momentum into Trenton a few days later, where after being down 3-0 at some point they mounted a comeback. Patrick Saini scored his first

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# Huskies in reach of the playoffs

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career OJHL hat-trick and Cameron Kosurko netted the game winner to complete a stunning comeback win for the Huskies. The Huskies seemed unstoppable, and by Saturday would prove they belonged in the conversation for East division champions.

Less than 24 hours after the monster win against the Golden Hawks, the Huskies wanted to fry some fish one last time this season. In front of a standing room only crowd during the beginning of the March break, the Huskies delivered a win in the most dominating fashion.

Richardson got the party started, slamming in a pass from Stevenson. Then Sam Solarino scored a beautiful goal to double the lead, just a few seconds later. At 8:53, Peyton Schaly broke by two defenders on his way to beating Ethan Fraser on a breakaway. Then Patrick Saini would do the same thing, but this time it was while the Huskies were short-handed at 17:38. After the first period, it was already 4-0 and the bleeding wasn't going to stop any time soon.

To start the second, Solarino picked up goal number two around three minutes in. Huskies defenceman Isaac Sooklal then buried an Oliver Tarr pass to net his first of the season, but Lindsay's Duncan Scullion finally got the fish on the board at 9:39. The Muskies' joy lasted around 30 seconds because after Lindsay's goalie, Fraser was pulled in favour of Yacine Chemrouk, Tarr made it 7-1 netting his 27th goal of the season.

The Huskies' Richardson added another goal early in the third period, but the team ran into some penalty trouble. Boyd Stahlbaum was finally able to beat Cicigoi, and for the second time on the powerplay the Muskies would score. However, this time it would be Nate Burelle unassisted. The final score was 8-3, the most amount of goals scored by the Huskies in franchise history.

"I felt I played with more confidence today," Solarino said. "I was in a slump before and it's been hard, but it feels good to finally score today. Cameron, Nick [Athanasaskos] and I have been playing really well lately and we've been gaining confidence every single game. We are clicking more and more and I think that will only grow, so it's been really good."

Six different Huskies players scored that night, with Cicigoi making 33 saves to earn his league leading 23rd win. The Huskies now move to within one point of the Wellington Dukes and three points back of Trenton (as of Sunday, March 14) as the division win put them back in reach of the playoffs after a slump in February.

The Huskies return to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Friday, March 18 for a back-to-back-to-back, against the Mississauga Chargers, Trenton Golden Hawks and Caledon Admirals. With three games in three days, the Huskies will look for a quick six points, as the next away game is March 23 in Mississauga.

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— SAM SOLARINO

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Haliburton County Huskies goalie Christian Cicigoi makes a glove save from a shot taken by a North York Rangers player during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Tuesday, March 8 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff



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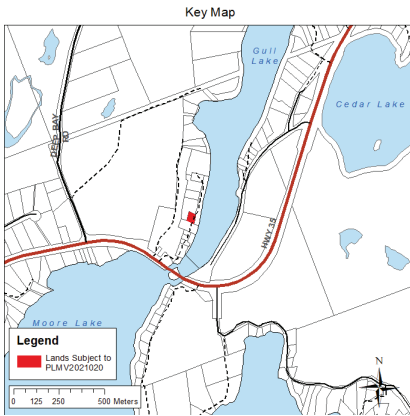
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Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider proposed Minor Variance Application No. **PLMV2021020** to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act.

**Location of the Subject Lands:** Part of Lot 24, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1052 Beverley Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the replacement of the existing 44.6 sq. m (480 sq. ft.) dwelling measuring 3.7 m (12 ft.) in height and is situated 16.41 m (53.8 ft.) from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new larger and taller dwelling measuring 117.17 sq. m (1261.2 sq. ft.) and 4.0 m (13.1 ft.) in height and to project to a distance of 12.3 m (40.35 ft.) from the HWM; together with the replacement of the existing 36.7 sq. m (395 sq. ft.) sleeping cabin with a new 44.6 sq. m (480 sq. ft.) garage which is proposed to maintain the existing HWM setback of 6.0 m (19.7 ft.).



**Additional Information** regarding these applications are available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**Have Your Say:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**Written Submissions:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca).

**Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice,** may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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*For more information about this matter contact [adougherty@mindenhill.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhill.ca).*

Amanda Dougherty  
Township Planning Consultant  
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment  
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

# GENERATIONS



**Archie Stouffer  
Elementary School  
students plant  
seedlings in the  
school's tower garden,  
which enables them to  
grow plants indoors.  
"Thank you to Kathy  
Mason Martin who  
supplied the seedlings  
for us," said Dawn  
Sudsbury, principal.**



**Students gather around the tower garden to plant seeds and watch as greens start to grow./Photos submitted by Dawn Sudsbury**



Holly Carpenter hoped for a bite during March Break, which began March 14 for area students. /Photo submitted by Jaime Bilodeau



AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

Happy birthday, Adele!

Happy birthday to *Times* columnist Adele Espina, from family and friends. Cheers to a healthy and happy year ahead! /Submitted by Kate Espina



WOODLANDS Wildlife Sanctuary



Rescue of the month

If it wasn't for Dan's dog, this poor little girl probably would not have been found. Dan was out walking his dog Saturday evening [March 5], and as he was passing by his neighbour's cottage (they are away during the winter), his dog jumped into the deep snow, ran to the side of the cottage, barking all the way before returning sheepishly back to Jeff in a cloud of "eau de skunk." Taking a closer look, Dan then noticed a skunk hanging upside down, her hind leg wedged between the cellar door and the brick wall. A quick call to the sanctuary and within an hour we were there; cleats on our boots and snow shovel in hand. Using the shovel to support the skunk, we were amazed to find a real horseshoe on the porch that worked perfectly to pry the door open as we lifted the little stinker out. Slipping and sliding on the sheer ice under the porch, we managed to secure her into a tote and drove back to the sanctuary, windows rolled all the way down and trying not to breathe too deeply. How long Little Pepita was hanging there we do not know. Thankfully she was found before more damage was done. What we do know is that we'll be smelling skunky for many more weeks to come as she heals in our nursery from torn tendons and soft tissue damage. And how was your Saturday night? Submitted by Monika Melichar

The sweet taste of spring

It's tree-tapping time, and Quinn Aleksander is ready to sample at home in Minden. /Photo submitted by Katina Aleksander



Horse hugs

Michael Dillane has pocket horse hugs he is selling for a \$5 donation to Walkabout Farm. He is hoping to sell enough to sponsor a horse for a month or more. If you would like to order a horse hug please contact chipbeandesigns@gmail.com. These can be shipped by lettermail if you are not local to Minden. Michael is busy trying to make a difference in his community! /Photo submitted by Robin Dillane

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He is survived by his loving and gentle wife of 64 years, Joanne (nee Vine) and four children: Stephen (Janice Black) of Burlington, Stewart (Jackie) of Pompano Beach, Florida, Susan (Steven Wright) of Houston, BC, and Sandra Milligan (Ben Pickering) of Campbell River, BC. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and his sister, Kathleen Langlois of Dundas. Dave was particularly proud of the accomplishments of his

children and grandchildren. He was always involved in their lives as much as he could and would travel annually to visit them all.

Dave was a long-time cottager in Haliburton, having owned the cottage with Joanne on Kushog Lake for 62 years. After their retirement Joanne and Dave devoted their summers to the cottage, which became a meeting place for their children and grandchildren.

Dave was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Haliburton, St. David's Anglican Church in Welland, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicottville, New York.

Dave got into marathons in his 50's and participated in the annual Highland Yard run in Minden. Through this run he started fundraising for Places for People in Haliburton, and in recent years raised over \$5,000 each year toward this worthwhile cause. When Dave could no longer run the race he would compete enthusiastically using his walker, last in the race, but a leader of the cause.

Cremation has taken place. A private family funeral service will be held at St. David's Anglican Church in Welland and will be broadcast on their YouTube channel on Friday March 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. and will be available for viewing immediately thereafter. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday June 17, 2022, 2-5 p.m. at Peninsula Lakes Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Dave Jones may be made to Places for People Haliburton Highlands Inc. ([www.placesforpeople.ca](http://www.placesforpeople.ca)) or to the Jones Family Endowment Fund of St. David's Anglican Church in Welland.

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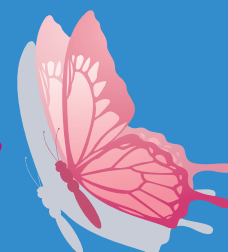
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## County taxes up only 1.3 per cent

With a municipal election just eight months away, Haliburton County Council has approved a 1988 budget which will come as good news to most tax payers.

The county's management committee met on March 6 to iron out the final details of this year's budget to be presented at last Wednesday's council meeting. And after last

year's enormous tax hike, the committee was holding a tight line this year in approving an increase of just 1.27 per cent.

"I don't think this will be bad news for taxpayers,"

said management committee chairman Murray Fearrey in presenting the new budget Wednesday. He said the committee tried to hold departmental increases to a maximum of

4.6 per cent, which he said represents the current rate of inflation.

The budget for the previous year had

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### Budget highlights

While most departments are experiencing little or no change with the passing of Haliburton County's 1988 budget, Management Committee Chairman Murray Fearrey highlighted a few of the areas where significant change will occur. Some of these areas are as follows:

#### Environment

At the inaugural meeting of council, a pledge was made for increased attention to environmental concerns. This is reflected in the new budget for committee meetings, which has been increased to \$20,000 for 1988. The previous budget for committee meetings was set at \$15,500, although the actual spending for this was almost \$19,000 last year.

#### Advertising

The county's budget for advertising increased dramatically this year, largely due to plans to purchase 2,500 county pins. The advertising budget is set at \$5,250, compared to only \$675 last year. Actual spending for advertising in 1987 more than doubled the budgeted amount, though.

#### Building

Repairs and maintenance to the county building totalled more than \$31,000 last year, and council is setting aside even more for 1988. This year, council has approved a budget of \$49,500 for repairs and maintenance, most of which will take place at the registry office.

#### Railway

The greatest departmental increase is in the budget for recreation and cultural services. This increase from \$30,000 to \$74,000 is largely due to the purchase of the

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### County to address reduction of seats

The smaller Haliburton County municipalities could be facing amalgamation with their neighbours, should county council decide a restructuring is necessary.

At last Wednesday's meeting, a notice of motion was introduced, telling county council members that this matter will be raised at the May meeting. The motion to be addressed in May, as proposed by Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, would see the county restructured into five municipalities, replacing the present nine.

Commenting on the notice of motion, Howe urged his fellow council members not to overreact. He said the restructuring would not create a form of regional government, but make a stronger county government.

Howe urged the county council members to bring this issue up for discussion with their municipal councils. He also hopes the municipalities will pass a resolution either supporting or rejecting the move. He said it is important to know what the whole council thinks about this, rather than just the heads of council.

The notice of motion was made Wednesday to provide council members to months to consider the merits and drawbacks and be prepared for serious discussion in May.

The idea to streamline the county stems from one of the recommendations

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There was plenty of action at the Minden Library last week as youngsters turned out to sing and dance with entertainer Alex Sinclair. The entertaining afternoon was put on by the library and the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the students who didn't escape to warmer climes for the March school break.

## HHSS band off to Nationals

An outstanding performance in the regional stage band festival in Bracebridge has earned the HHSS Senior Stage Band the opportunity to compete on the national level in Calgary in May.

The regional festival was held on February 26, but the band did not learn of its results until last week. The

band has qualified to compete in the gold level at the National Stage Band Festival on May 18 to 22.

Band Director Rick Vaughan received the good news early last week. Although the students were off for March break, a special meeting was held of the band executive to make plans for the trip.

In order to compete in Calgary, the band will have to raise more than \$14,000. To do this, they will be approaching local businesses, service clubs and the board of education for contributions.

The National Stage Band Festival is an annual event, held in a new location each year. The top

high school bands from across Canada will be competing at various skill levels, ranging from bronze to gold. The HHSS band will compete at the gold level, which places them among the very best in the country.

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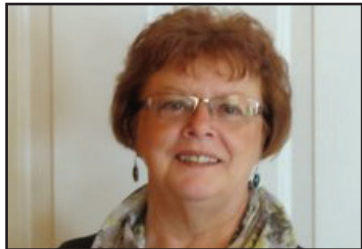
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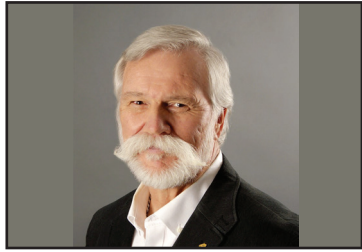
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